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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION:
THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARBORETUM
ARBORETUM LIGHTING AND PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
APPROVE CAPITAL PROJECT AND PROJECT BUDGET
CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 86803
(FIFTH DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommended actions will approve the Capital Project and budget for the Arboretum Lighting and Parking Lot Improvement Project at the Los Angeles County Arboretum.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find the Arboretum Lighting and Parking Lot Improvement Project categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act because the Project consists of refurbishment and replacement of existing structures, and installation of new, small structures, for the reasons stated herein and for the reasons reflected in the record of the Project.
2. Approve the Arboretum Lighting and Parking Lot Improvement Project, Capital Project No. 86803, and Project budget in the amount of \$500,000, which is funded with Fifth District Capital Project net County cost.
3. Authorize the Director of Parks and Recreation, or his designee, to complete the Arboretum Lighting and Parking Lot Improvement Project using a Board-approved Job Order Contractor.

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4. Authorize the Director of Parks and Recreation, or his designee, to approve change orders as necessary for the Arboretum Lighting and Parking Lot Improvement Project

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will find the Arboretum Lighting and Parking Lot Improvement Project (Project) exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), authorize implementation of the Project and allow the Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) to deliver the Project and approve change orders as necessary.

The Project consists of improvements to the parking lot lighting, to enhance security in the parking lot areas along Baldwin Avenue and near the main entrance. The Project will include installation of approximately 20 new light poles and solar-powered fixtures; upgrades to existing light poles and fixtures; and related concrete work, to include parking lot refurbishments such as asphalt paving, grinding, patching, and slurry seal as needed.

The Project will be administered by Department staff and a Board–approved Job Order Contractor (JOC) will perform the refurbishment work.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions support the Board-adopted County Strategic Plan Goals of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Integrated Services Delivery (Goal 3), by improving operations, safety, and security through the installation of lighting and refurbishment of the surface of the parking lot at the Los Angeles County Arboretum.

Green Building/Sustainable Design Program

Portions of the Project will support the Board's Green Building/Sustainable Design Program by employing pole-mounted photovoltaic solar energy panels to power the light fixture, while reducing maintenance needs at the site by installing high efficiency, long life light-emitting diodes (LED) lamps. The new LED lamps will use at least 30 percent less energy and last five times longer than the existing lamps.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The total Project cost, including construction and County services, is estimated at \$500,000, which will be funded with Fifth District Capital Project net County cost. The

Project Schedule and Budget Summary are detailed in Attachment I. Sufficient appropriation is available in the Capital Projects/Refurbishment Budget to fully fund the Project.

Operating Budget Impact

The Department does not anticipate any one-time start-up or ongoing costs resulting from the recommended actions. The Project provisions have maintenance requirements that will be fulfilled with existing park staff and resources.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Approval of the recommended actions will allow the Department to improve security and safety in the Arboretum's parking lot. New lighting will provide illumination in an efficient and sustainable manner.

In accordance with the Board's Civic Art Policy, as revised on November 5, 2008, the Project budget includes 1 percent of design and construction costs to be allocated to the Civic Art Fund.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The Project, which consists of installation of approximately 20 new light poles and solar-powered fixtures; upgrades to existing light poles and fixtures; related concrete work; and parking lot refurbishments such as asphalt paving, grinding, patching, and slurry seal as needed, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Sections 15302 and 15303(e) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Classes 2 and 3 of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the Project consists of refurbishment and replacement of existing structures, and installation of new, small structures. The structures replaced will have the same purpose and capacity as the existing structures. The Project is not located in a sensitive environment, and there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, or other limiting factors which would make use of the exemptions inapplicable based on the Project records. Additionally, the Project does not involve tree removal.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The recommended actions will have no impact on County services or projects at this facility.

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CONCLUSION

Please return one copy of this Board letter to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Projects Division, and the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment

c: Executive Office, Board of Supervisors
County Counsel
Arts Commission
Parks and Recreation

ATTACHMENT I

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PROJECT SCHEDULE

Project Activity	Scheduled Completion Date
Board Approval	4/17/2012
Construction Documents	NA
Jurisdictional Approvals	NA
JOC Contract	6/15/2012
Start Construction	8/15/2012
Substantial Completion	11/30/2012
Project Acceptance	12/31/2012

PROJECT BUDGET SUMMARY

Project Activity	Proposed Budget
Land Acquisition	\$ 0
Construction	
Purchase Order Contract	0
Job Order Contract	\$469,000
Change Orders/Contingency	10,000
Departmental Crafts Parks Department Trails	0
Youth Employment	0
Construction Consultants	0
Telecomm Equip – Affixed to Building	0
Civic Arts	5,000
Subtotal	\$484,000
Programming/Development	\$ 0
Plans and Specifications*	\$ 0
Consultant Services	
Site Planning	0
DPW Engineering Services	0
Geotech/Soils Report and Soils Testing	0
Material Testing	0
Cost Estimating	0
Topographic Surveys	0
Construction Management	0
Construction Administration	0
Environmental	0
Utilities/Change Order	0
Other Expenditure:	0
Subtotal	\$ 0
Miscellaneous Expenditures - Furniture	\$ 0
Jurisdictional Review/Plan Check/Permit	\$ 0
County Services	
Code Compliance Inspection	0
Quality Control Inspection	0
Design Review	0
Contract Administration	0
Gordian Group	\$8,000
Project Management Support Services	0
ISD Job Order Contract Management	0
DPW Job Order Contract Management	\$3,000
ISD Communications/Data	0
Project Security	0
Project Technical Support	0
ISD Countywide Contract Compliance	\$5,000
Subtotal	\$ 16,000
TOTAL	\$500,000